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SPEAKING OF STAMPS: HONORING THE STATES

ANNCR: AND NOW, COLLECTOR'S CORNER, AND NOTES OF INTEREST FOR VOA LISTENERS WHO COLLECT THINGS...WHETHER THEY BE STAMPS OR COINS, SNUFF BOTTLES OR OLD AUTOS, OR JUST BALLS OF STRING. TODAY, GOERGE MISHLER IS SPEAKING OF STAMPS, WITH NOTES ON A NEW ISSUE OF UNITED STATES COMMEMORATIVES, EACH OF WHICH WILL HONOR ONE OF THE FIFTY AMERICAN STATES.

VOICE: THE SHEET OF FIFTY SHOW THE STATE FLAGS IN THE ORDER OF THE STATES' ADMISSION TO THE UNION. THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE, FEBRUARY 23, COINCIDED WITH PLENARY SESSION OF THE MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS CONFERENCE, A GATHERING OF THE ELECTED CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE STATES.

THE 50 FLAG SHEET WAS DESIGNED BY WALT REED OF WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT AND ARE HIS FIRST STAMP DESIGNS. FLAGS UPON WHICH THE DESIGNS ARE BASED WERE REQUESTED FROM THE OFFICES OF THE STATE GOVERNORS.

THE SHEET OF STAMPS ARE PRINTED ON THE GRAVURE PRESS WITH SIX PLATE NUMBERS PER PANE OF FIFTY. THE COLORS ARE YELLOW, MAGENTA, CYANO, BLACK, RED AND BLUE. EACH STAMP MEASURES 36.5 BY 21.3 MILLIMETERS IN A HORIZONTAL FORMAT. AT THE UPPER LEFT ON EACH STAMP APPEARS "13 CENTS USA" AND THE NAME OF THE STATE APPEARS IN A VERTICAL LINE OF TYPE TO THE RIGHT OF EACH FLAG.

VOICE: (CONT'D) THE SYMBOL OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL IS IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER. ACROSS THE BOTTOM OF EACH STAMP ARE THE WORDS "BICENTENNIAL ERA 1776-1976."

TWO TYPES OF CANCELLATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE. THE FIRST DAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ONLY AND ANOTHER SPECIAL CANCELLATION IN EACH OF THE STATE CAPITALS. BOTH REQUIRE THE PURCHASE OF STAMPS TO BE AFFIXED TO THE ENVELOPES BEFORE SUBMITTING THEM, THEREFORE THEY WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR OVERSEAS LISTENERS TO OBTAIN. SHEETS COSTING SIX DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS MAY BE ORDERED FROM PHILATELIC SALES DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20265. SHEETS MAY BE OBTAINED EITHER MINT OR FIRST-DAY CANCELLED SO BE SURE TO SPECIFY WHICH YOU WANT. THE SAME ADDRESS MAY BE USED TO ORDER AN AMERICAN COMMEMORATIVE SERIES PANEL WHICH WILL CONTAIN A RANDOMLY SELECTED BLOCK OF FOUR STAMPS. THE PANELS ARE PRICED AT TWO DOLLARS. ALL ORDERS FROM PHILATELIC SALE SHOULD INCLUDE A HANDLING CHARGE OF FIFTY CENTS.

ANOTHER IN THE BICENTENNIAL ERA ENVELOPES SERIES WAS ISSUED FEBRUARY 2. THE SECOND IN THE ISSUE, WHICH BEGAN WITH THE SEAFARING TRADITION ENVELOPE, IS CALLED THE AMERICAN HOMEMAKER ISSUE AND WILL DEPICT A SPINNING WHEEL. THE INDICIA IS TAKEN FROM AN 18TH CENTURY QUILT TO EMPHASIZE THE CREATIVE ASPECTS OF HOMEMAKING.

ANNCR: YOU'VE BEEN LISTENING TO COLLECTOR'S CORNER, ANOTHER IN THE SERIES OF PROGRAMS FOR VOA LISTENERS WHO COLLECT THINGS. FROM STAMPS TO BALLS OF STRING. JOIN US AGAIN NEXT _____(AT THIS TIME) FOR ANOTHER LOOK INTO THE ...COLLECTOR'S CORNER.

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